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Missing HK Yacht Mystery Deepens

TWO PORTUGUESE WOMEN REPORTED TO BE ABOARD

There was still no news this morning of the yacht Kert on which Mr W. J. C. Josling and a party of friends were said to have sailed in the direction of Macao from Hongkong waters last Sunday afternoon.

Mr Josling, according to information released this morning, borrowed the yacht from its owner, Capt. W. D. Neil, of the Merchant Navy. The vessel was then lying in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter in the care of the A. King Slipway (well-known yacht builders).

With Mr Josling and another Englishman, three Portuguese women, a Shanghai Chinese, and a crew of a coxswain and a sailor, the yacht left the anchorage about 1.50 p.m. on Sunday for a cruise to Cheung Chau Island. They reached there about 5.15 p.m. and Josling's English companion and one Portuguese woman disembarked, returning to Hongkong by ferry. It was learned that the rest of the party then decided to sail to Macao. They have not been heard from since leaving Cheung Chau.

Capt. Neil, it is understood, has cabled to Macao for information about his yacht, but has received no reply.

The Marine Police are conducting a search for the yacht. The yacht Kert, a fairly large vessel of its type, was built in Shanghai in 1933 at a cost of \$40,000. When the Japanese took control of Shanghai at the outbreak of the Pacific War, they seized the yacht and shipped it to Japan. After the war, it was recovered by the American forces, and was subsequently purchased by Capt. Neil.

GIBBONS SENTENCED

Tokyo, Mar. 16. Kenneth William Gibbons, the first Australian to be tried by a Japanese court since the war, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment — suspended for three years — for illegal entry into Japan to see his Japanese wife.

The Japanese judge said that the court had "every sympathy with the motives."

Gibbons will not have to serve the sentence unless he commits another misdemeanor when it will be added to the new sentence.

But since General MacArthur's headquarters has refused him permission to stay in Japan, it means that he will be deported automatically in the next fortnight.

Gibbons is, theoretically, a free man now, but since he has no place to live in he will remain at the gaol where he has been held for over three months. He will be moved to better quarters in the prison.

Gibbons, a former Serviceman, said after the sentence that he had no special message to send to his Japanese wife who is 22 years old.—Reuter.

Healing The Breach

Paris, Mar. 15. The French National Assembly today went a long way towards healing the breach over the electoral system which brought the downfall of the Cabinet of Mr. Rene Pleven two weeks ago.

It agreed to a motion in favour of revising the system of proportional representation by a system of majority voting. It also agreed that the future system should have one ballot instead of two.

Further details about the future voting system have yet to be debated and agreed upon before the fate of the Government's Electoral Reform Bill will be definitely known.—Reuter.

The Deputies Meet



Mr Ernest Davies, leader of the British delegation (left) shakes hands with Mr Gromyko, leader of the Russian delegation (third from left) before the preliminary meeting of the Big Four deputies in Paris. Second from left is Dr Philip Jessup, the chief American representative, and on right is M. Alexandre Parodi, leader of the French delegation. — AP Picture.

Deadlock In Paris Talks Tightens

Paris, Mar. 15. The deadlock in the junior Big Four conference on German rearmament, which the Russians regard as the No. 1 issue, tightened another notch tonight.

Deputy Foreign Ministers of the three Western powers, the US, Britain and France, insisted in a session of three hours and 45 minutes that the decision taken to rearm West Germany as a part of Western defences will stand.

On the other hand, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko insisted the plan violated the Potsdam Agreement of 1945, threatens world peace and should be abandoned.

In manoeuvres that have seen drafts, redrafts and redrafted redrafts of various proposals for the agenda of a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference, the West and Russia have not yielded even a semicolon on the issue of German rearmament.

The delegates are still trying to work out a list of subjects which the Foreign Ministers' conference can discuss.

A high Western official, asked if the discussion would go into next week, replied: "I would not be at all surprised."

There was a rewarding today of a section of the Western powers' proposed agenda. An official who was present said it was "highly technical," which may or may not refer to diplomatic double talk.

Actually, the rewording seeks to bring the Western and Soviet viewpoints closer together on the troublesome points under discussion.—Associated Press.

Acquitted On Lie Charge

Honolulu, Mar. 15. Alejandro Llanos, Honolulu's self-styled borrower of millions, was acquitted yesterday of a charge he told a US\$55 lie. A Circuit Court jury found him innocent of a government accusation that he had lied under oath when he said he had only US\$20 when he went to the Philippines in 1949. The prosecution contended he had more than US\$75. Llanos claimed last autumn he borrowed some US\$400,000 from Filipinos in Hawaii which he said was not repaid. He said he planned to repay it. Subsequent investigation failed to back up his story.—Associated Press.

Mr Truman Defends His Colleagues

Key West, Florida, Mar. 15.

President Harry Truman sharply defended the honour of his administration today, declared his house is always clean and that his Presidency will be remembered "if we get through this year without a third world war."

Conscious of mounting editorial and cartoon criticism of White House and other Federal officials involved in the Senate Reconstruction Finance Corporation inquiry, Mr Truman told a news conference: "My people are honourable—all of them are."

To a suggestion by Republican Senator William F. Knowland of California in a recent Senate debate that he resign from his Florida vacation and clean house, the President said solemnly: "My house is always clean. What are you talking about?"

TACTICAL DECISION Mr Truman was in rare good humour for the most part. He turned solemn when asked the outlook for peace in Korea.

He could not answer that question, he said. "Will the United Nations forces be allowed to pass beyond the 38th Parallel," a reporter asked.

That Mr Truman said, is a tactical decision to be made by the commander in the field, not by the Commander-in-Chief 7,000 miles away.

He said he was working for the country's welfare and he thought all other government employees are trying to do the same thing. He said he thought the administration is "a terrible thing."

The administration of no President can be correctly evaluated during his term, or within 25 or 30 years after that term, Mr Truman said.

"It takes an objective survey of what has happened and what was trying to be accomplished to decide whether the President has been a success or not. And you can't decide that now or here, or neither can I," Associated Press.

Barcelona's Quicker Madrid, Mar. 15. Conditions in Barcelona appeared almost normal today. The workers in Madrid and other provinces have not yet returned to work. The situation in Barcelona is still tense.—Associated Press.

ALLIES GOING AHEAD

Tokyo, Mar. 16. The Communists turned and fought on the east central Korean front today, but American troops sent them reeling back again with a vicious night bayonet charge as Allied patrols probed northward to within 15 miles or less of the 38th Parallel.

United Press correspondent Rutherford Post reported that the Communists ended their retreat east of Hongchon and turned to fight under a rain of steel from Allied air and artillery.

To the west the Allies swept to the ridges overlooking the Chinese line along the Hongchon river without finding opposition.

In the Seoul area, they seized control of the western end of the Seoul-Chungchon highway as 7,000 South Korean police joined Allied soldiers in the capital in wiping out Communist agents left behind by the retreating Reds.

The North Koreans stood and fought east of Hongchon in the bloodiest Communist stand of the week.

A pre-dawn bayonet charge by veteran American infantrymen of the Second Division routed the Communist force after a 20-hour battle that took at least 345 enemy lives and brought the surrender of 139 prisoners.

TURNED TO FIGHT The Yanks attacking north of Yodong-east of Hongchon—collided with a 3,500-man North Korean force that had ended its retreat and turned to fight.

Air and artillery strikes pounded the Reds between American infantry attacks, but at 15 minutes past midnight the Reds were still pouring machinegun and mortar fire into Yank ranks and holding to their ridge positions astride the road north of Yodong. The Americans, reversing their usual tactics, launching a bayonet charge in the darkness sent the now heavily-reinforced Red force reeling northward, the Second Division reported.

General MacArthur's headquarters reported that heavy Naval gunfire again raked enemy-held east coast rail and road junctions. The USS Midway poured more than 150 tons of explosive shells into bridges, tunnels and railway rolling stock in the Chongjin area, while at Wonsan a light cruiser with destroyers and frigates hammered communication lines, gun emplacements and troop concentrations in the darkness.

UN Naval units pounded highway and rail networks at Songjin. The destroyer followed Cocke's declaration to a capacity audience in City Hall that "I will recommend that (US) military aid be forthcoming at once" for Chiang's forces.

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Mounting more than 1,000 series for the third successive day, UN land-based aircraft struck enemy targets in close and deep support of ground operations. B-29 Superforts attacked enemy resupply and reinforcement facilities by bombing four marshalling yards and a railroad bridge on the Communist main western supply routes.

Fighter and light bomber aircraft rocketed, napalmed and strafed enemy pockets of resistance and searched out retreating Red units in rear areas inflicting many casualties and destroying about 100 vehicles.

VICTORY IN SIGHT With Eighth Army Mar. 16. American troops were today within 10 air miles of Chunchon, Communist Army base seven and a half miles below the 38th Parallel and key to whether the Reds will make a stand in South Korea.

If they pull out of Chunchon with only rear-guard actions, the Allies can sweep forward to the Parallel—and end the war line which Lt. General Matthew Ridgway said would constitute "a tremendous victory for the United Nations."

Chunchon is the largest supply centre in Korea. It is all would be a far greater military victory for the United Nations than the capture of Seoul—symbolically important—but strategically a minor prize.—Associated Press.

\$250,000 Grant To University

London, Mar. 15. Britain has made a second award of £250,000 to the Hongkong University to help in rehabilitation and development, the Colonial Office announced today.—Reuter. (The first grant, also of £250,000, was made in 1947 and the money came from the Treasury. The latest award has been made from the Colonial Welfare and Development Fund.)

Chiang's Vision Of Invasion

Taipei, Mar. 15. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said tonight that with adequate aid his Chinese Nationalists could make Commando raids on the Red mainland in two months and a full scale invasion in six months.

Generalissimo Chiang made his estimate in a talk with Eric Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion. Cocke was his dinner guest.

The Nationalist leader said his forces would need economic as well as military aid for a return to the mainland. Cocke asked whether he would accept a United States Chief of Staff, Generalissimo Chiang replied he would welcome any offer of aid that was acceptable. "I am experienced in amphibious warfare."

ENOUGH MANPOWER He said also it was obvious that an island like Formosa would be unable to cover the expense of a full-scale invasion of the mainland. Mainland conditions, he said, would make it impossible for his troops to be self-sustaining.

Chiang said his ground forces had enough manpower for an invasion of the continent, but would need logistical support. He said his air force was short on planes, and he had enough trained pilots to man many more.

He dismissed the idea of a third party in China as unrealistic, saying there was no middle road by which to defeat the Reds.

The former followed Cocke's declaration to a capacity audience in City Hall that "I will recommend that (US) military aid be forthcoming at once" for Chiang's forces.

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Churchill In Angry Exchanges

Criticises Gov't's Pact With Egypt

London, Mar. 15. Mr Winston Churchill and his chief lieutenant, Mr Anthony Eden, battled angrily tonight with the Government over a new money pact with Egypt.

Mr Douglas Jay, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced in the House of Commons that Britain would release £50,000,000 of Egypt's blocked sterling balances over the next 18½ years. The rate of £80,000,000 more which Britain owes Egypt will be decided before the period ends.

Mr Jay said that Britain had no intention of trying to cut down the balances owing without Egypt's agreement. Britain would supply £11,000,000 worth of oil a year to Egypt up till 1960.

This statement brought Mr Churchill to his feet, demanding to know, "How much have we to pay to Egypt for protecting against the Nazi and Fascist invasion?"

Stirling balances—debts accumulated during the war by Britain for war supplies and services—was a point with the wartime Premier.

ROUGHLY TREATED He further asked—Was the petroleum part of the new agreement to be fulfilled even though Egypt was carrying out an illegal blockade of oil being shipped through the Suez Canal to the Israel refineries?

The deputy Conservative leader, Mr Eden, demanded to know why Britain was giving facilities to the Egyptian Government "when for more than a year they have been treating us very roughly in respect of the Canal Zone."

Mr Jay said that it was Egypt's own money that was being disguised. "It was Mr Churchill," retorted "that the policy of the warring Government was that these debts would be offset by Britain's bill for having defended Egypt during the war."

Mr Eden called for an assurance that the new agreement would not be ratified without parliamentary approval.

The new Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, declared himself angry about the Conservative, that Mr Churchill was making mischief with Egypt.

He said that he was not going to be bullied by the Opposition, but he would see whether he could agree to having a debate before ratification.

Mr Churchill said that if the Government did not make a satisfactory statement tomorrow he might call for a debate.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

An Inescapable Decision

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S defence of the free world's decision to rearm itself can be said to represent majority opinion, although the necessity for such a policy evokes no sense of satisfaction. On the contrary it illuminates the chronic international situation almost entirely created by Soviet belligerency, as expressed through a well-planned programme of imperialist expansionism, and of Soviet intransigency and obstructionism as illustrated at Lake Success and other international conferences. In Paris, for example, Mr Gromyko is making no honest attempt to reach agreement with the Foreign Ministers' deputies of the United States, Britain and France, and by his attitude is making it palpably clear that Russia has no intention of discussing at high level the causes of the current international tension, or of trying to eliminate them. Not without significance did Mr Gromyko this week observe that "this is not the time to talk of failure." It can have only one interpretation: that the Soviet representative is certain the talks will fail, and that he is not prepared to do anything to avert such an ignominious result. By this typical attitude at the conference table, Russia forfeits the free world's confidence in the good faith and honest intentions of the Soviets, and compels the West to make preparations for the next evil move which the Kremlin may have planned. Nor is this the only reason why the free world finds it necessary to prepare its defences. Abundant evidence exists that Russia is armed well beyond her purely defensive requirements; that she is helping to build up the armed strength of her satellites; that she has been and still is actively promoting the conflict in Korea; that she is prepared to lend her support to any military, subversive or political enterprise calculated to disrupt the peace and security of a country. Hitherto this technique of intimidation and bluff has met with some success, but the free world is no longer willing to be frightened; to deny itself the right to make the necessary preparations to discourage and withstand aggression. The non-Soviet bloc, as President Truman emphasises, has learnt that it must rearm because firstly, it offers the chief and only hope of preventing a third world war; and secondly, if Russia insists upon provoking an international conflict, it will enable the free world to withstand the onslaught. Aggression, however covert, is a violation of international law, and a denial of the principles of the United Nations. Soviet Russia has committed aggression in a number of ways during the past five years and she gives no sign, either by word or deed in her international relations, to suggest that she is prepared to change that policy. It is this which compels the free world to rearm; to prepare its defences. Not only is there a dangerous disparity in armaments of the Soviet bloc and the rest of the world, but, as Mr Truman observes, "we do not know what further aggressive plans may be in the making by the adversaries of the free world." This is the fear which Russia has inspired, and only some fundamental change in the Kremlin's international policy can remove that fear and point the way to general disarmament. The prospects of this happening are not cheering; therefore the only thing to do is to match aggression's might, and in such a way as to discourage it from further enterprises.

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Soviet Agent Testifies In Spy Trial

New York, Mar. 15. Julius Rosenberg, on trial for his life on charges of wartime espionage, was linked directly to the Soviet atomic spy ring by another of its confessed members today.

Harry Gold, who is serving a 30-year prison term for his part in the betrayal of the atom bomb secret, told a Federal Court he picked up the Los Alamos, New Mexico, atom information in Julius' name.

Gold said the plot for him to pick up information from David Greenglass, Rosenberg's brother-in-law who was employed on the atom bomb project, was hatched in a New York restaurant with Anatoli Yakovlev, former Russian consulate official here. Carrying out the Russian's instructions, Gold testified, he got information from Greenglass in June 1945.

On the same trip, he said, he also picked up a "batch of papers" from the British scientist Klaus Fuchs in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He added that he returned to New York and gave Yakovlev both sets of information.

"I met with Yakovlev in a sort of combination restaurant and bar called 'Valko' on the corner of 42nd Street and 3rd Avenue," Gold related.—United Press.

Will Delay Demand London, Mar. 15.

Mr Anthony Eden, deputy Conservative leader, said in the House of Commons today that the Opposition would put off until after Easter its demand for a debate on the appointment of an American ambassador to the Atlantic.

This was because a Government statement giving a list of other appointments would not be made until then.—Reuter.

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ASTRAL DRESS



"Heavenly bodies" was the theme of the Hampstead Arts Ball. And 19-year-old Brenda Tanner, of Hampstead, wore a "heavenly body" headdress and necklace made of picture wire; the whole costume cost about 10s.

(London Express Service)

PRETTY LEGLINE

LEGS have been in the limelight ever since the short skirt astonished the natives. When Grannie was a young lady it was considered a social error to display as much as an ankle. When she went swimming it was just wading, and ducking—she wore flannel bloomers that came down to her feet. Legs cannot be overlooked in any discussion of beauty. We've got them and if they're nice ones, we're proud of them. They must look young! That means they must be straight, have fine lines. They must be slim, but not bony. They must swell very slightly at the calf, have a neat ankle, measuring at the most, eight inches. And above all, they must be well-groomed.

Coarse Skin

But here is the catch! Knees are seldom anything to brag about. The skin there is inclined to be coarse and, as the knee is really a hinge, the flesh is in folds when the leg is extended. During the swimming season, in the good old summer time, the good-looking observer is likely to cast a critical eye over knees, invariably finds them lacking in good appearance. Suppose you take a bird's eye look at yours? And, after your bath, give them a talcum friction or apply a little talcum lanolin? Or, maybe you don't care, and you should care because legs do not improve as the birthdays accumulate and young looking legs are worth preserving.

Special Shoes

We must mention knock knees. These may be caused by a slight deviation of the thigh bone, sending the knees inward. Special shoes are made that will correct the condition to a certain extent. People with exaggerated cases of knock knees are poor pedestrians, because walking any great distance may cause discomfort.

Now legs is another trouble that can be helped a lot by special shoes for which one must get a prescription from an orthopaedic specialist. To keep legs smooth and well-groomed, shave them as often as necessary. Use a good razor, use a woman's fashion razor, soap and water.

CHEESE AIGRETTES

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AND THEN BEAT IN AN EGG SEASON WITH BALT, PEPPER, PINCH OF CAYENNE AND, IF YOU LIKE, A SPOT OF MUSTARD

NOW ADD ABOUT 1 OZ GRATED CHEESE

BEAT TOGETHER AGAIN

DROP IN SMALL TEASPOONFULS INTO HOT DEEP FAT OR OIL AND FRY UNTIL GOLDEN AND CRISP

SERVE AT ONCE, WELL DRAINED. THEY'RE DELICIOUS!

Paris Dresses Play Up Natural Form

PARIS. AFTER four years of moulding the female form into shapes mother nature never intended, French designers have returned in force this spring to the natural curves of Eve.

With Christian Dior leading the way, the accent is on rounded shoulders, rounded bust, small waist—not hourglass unless you're made that way—and oval hips.

Padding and artifice have been shelved.

The Difference

The main feature that will distinguish the new from the old this spring is the sleeves. Last year, dresses wore sleeveless. This year sleeves form the most important part of any model.

They're either caped or puffed, cut in an intricate ruffled line or mounted about an inch off the shoulder. Dior's "chicken leg" sleeve, wide at the top and tapering in at the elbow, will be a favourite. Loose sleeves are out.

Waists are indented and usually belted. Bodices are moulded, draped or pleated in a shirtwaist style that blows out at the back. Length is generally stabilised just above mid-calf.

Necklines on day dresses finish high with a narrow collar, band, shirt collar or big cape-collars in starched white pique.

There are plenty of revealing décolletés, but they're mainly reserved for afternoon or cocktail wear.

Keyhole Neckline

Dior's "keyhole" neckline is large and round, with a narrow

oblong dipping to the bust. A "stand-away" neckline introduced by Castillo at Lanvin's, exposes the neck and shoulders or has a full-in of the same material on white pique.

In skirts, there are enough varieties to satisfy everyone. For the slender, there are skin-tight sheaths. For the heavyweights, or women who like them anyway, there is an abundance of wide skirts—flared, panelled, gathered and pleated. Overskirts flying panels and soles are entering their year of popularity. Aprons, in every shape and size, are all over the place.

Suits are made up in every type of fabric.

Those shown by Dior and master suit-maker Balenciaga have the dropped shoulder line or raglan sleeves, often with two-inch wide collar bands. Instead of lapels and jacket buttons that hug the hips.

Shoulder-Line

These two designers give the same shoulder-line and collar bands to their loose jackets and topsuits. All of them have a wedged-shaped look about them, fairly wide and loose-out at the top, but tapering in towards the hem.

Strictly tailored suits are still padded shoulders are still getting the most play. One trick is to cut the fronts narrow so that a wide, buttoned-on bib has to link them, together.

Shantung, taffeta and chiffon are favoured materials. The light spring tweed, Alpaca and grey worsted are used for suits. Fleece, brilliant-coloured wool is used for the heavier type of topcoat.—Associated Press.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

By M. B. Picken

For this bed jacket it takes only one yard of fabric. Small to medium-size figures could do with 1/2 yards of material.

Straiten the length of 54" tubular jersey at both ends. Cut off two 2" crosswise strips from one end as shown, to use as binding for edges.

A is at left hand corner on fold; B is 18" to right of A; C is at upper right hand corner also on fold; D is 18" to left of C. With yardstick to insure a true line, chalk a line B to D. E is 1/6 neck plus 1/4" below D and 1" to right of D is F.

Draw curve E to F. G is 1/4 neck to left of E and H 1/6 neck plus 1/4" above B.

Draw front neck curve from G to H. I is 1/4 waist plus 2" above A. J is 4" to right of upper left hand corner.

Chalk a line I to J. Round the front with a slight curve as shown.



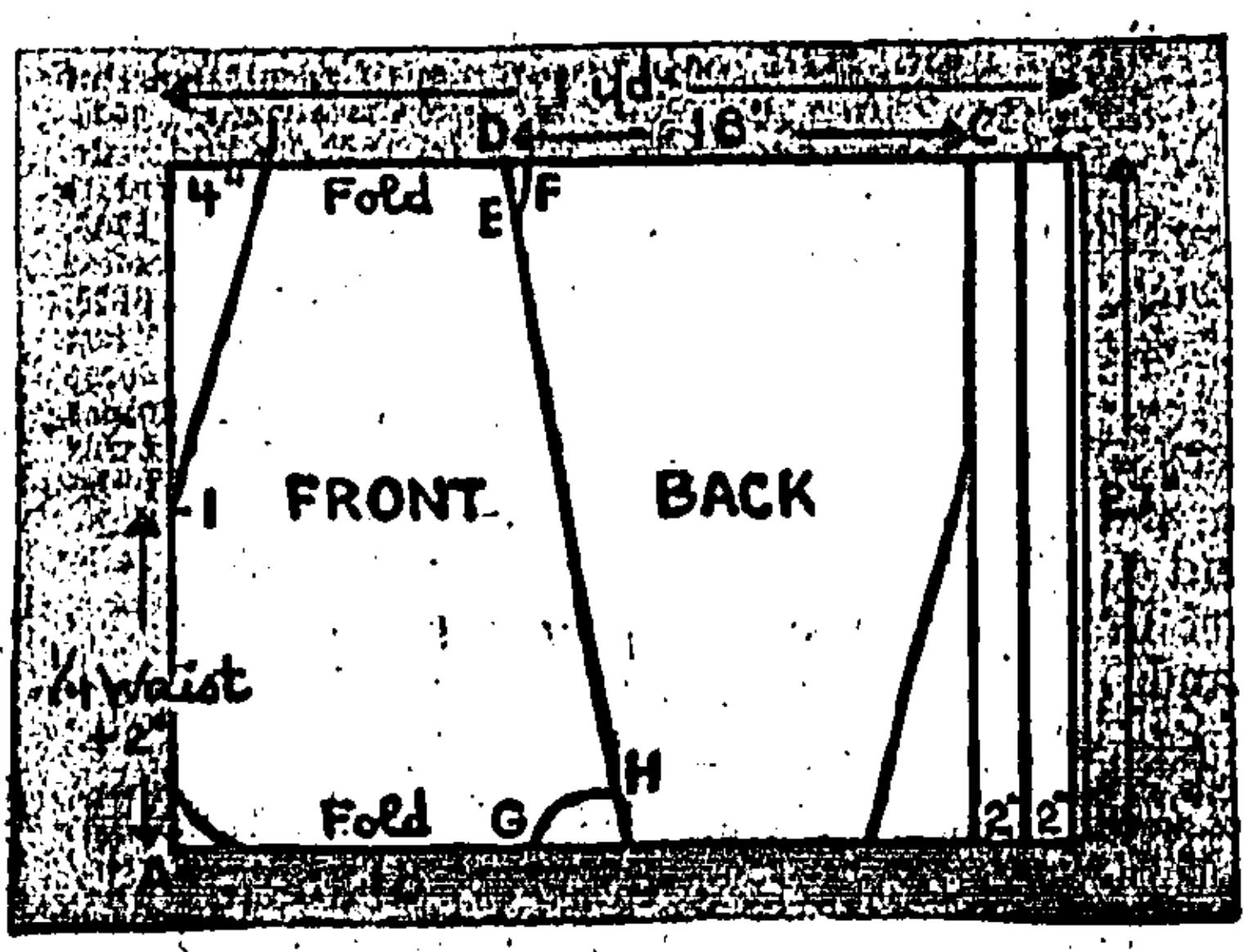
Bed Jacket

Cut out front, cutting from B to D and from J to I. Then cut from H to G and straight along centre front fold from G to top of curve line, and around corner. Lay front over back. Cut back underarm line same as I to J. Cut back neck. Cut folds at ends of sleeves.

Join the shoulder seams and underarms, making a 3/4" seam; stretch seams slightly as you stitch so stitching line will not be tight. Press seams open.

Take the 2" strips and bind bottom of sleeves, the centre fronts all around bottom, and the neck last.

From jersey scraps cut 3/4" strips to make two 1/2 yard lengths of 3/4" tubing. Sew with small stitches a length each side of neck for a tie as shown. Tie a tight knot in each end.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep Carried a Bag

In It Was His Ice-Chopping Equipment

By MAX TRELL

"LOTS to 'it" King Nep was saying as he slung the heavy bag across his shoulder. "And if I didn't do it, who would? Yes, who would, indeed!"

He was speaking to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names. It was a cold day, cold enough to freeze the



King Nep walked along with the bag over his shoulder.

water of the pond and the heat, Knarf and Hanid had expected to find little King Nep huddled snugly somewhere, with a big fire blazing, and his feet well wrapped in blankets. To their surprise they found him walking along the bank of the frozen pond with the bag over his shoulder. He had got it down for a moment to bid them good-morning, then he got ready to continue on his way.

"King Nep," said Hanid, "what's in that bag you're carrying?"

Knarf wanted to know, too.

"In this bag? An axe," he said. "And a saw. And some food."

"Oh! Are you going to chop down trees?" asked Knarf.

Shook His Head

King Nep (whose full name used to be Neptune, King of the Seven Seas), shook his head.

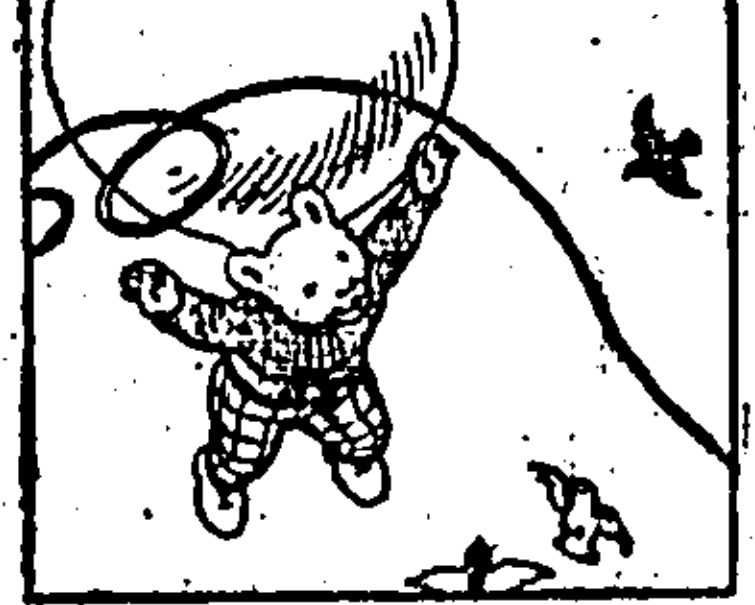
"Then why do you need an axe?"

"To chop ice, my boy," replied King Nep. "Well, I'll say

Rupert and the Blue Firework—28



When he heard Pong-Ping's idea Edward agreed happily. The light wind blows Rupert gently towards the hilltop, while the others watch him anxiously. When he is near enough they shout to tell him what they are going to do, and then Edward flings the rope high in the air. To everyone's dismay it



misses and falls to the ground. Pulling it to him, Edward twiddles it in frantic haste and throws again. This time his aim is straight, and Rupert grabs it thankfully as it curves just in front of him. "That's grand!" calls Pong-Ping. "Now be tight and we'll have you down in no time!"

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good-morning to you again, and be on my way."

Edward said, "You need a saw!" Hanid wanted to know.

"To saw ice with," answered King Nep. "Now if that's all the questions you're going to ask me, I'll—"

"One more question, please!" said Knarf. "What kind of food have you in that bag—and whom are you giving it to?"

"Fish food for fish," said King Nep. "Come along and you'll see something."

They followed him along the bank of the frozen pond until finally he reached the opposite side. Here, in warmer weather, the willow trees leaned over the water. Here, where the ground was moist, the Jack-in-the-pulpit and the forget-me-nots grew. But now there was nothing but a high drift of snow. King Nep set down his bag. He reached inside, and took out the axe and the saw and laid them on the snow.

The pond was completely frozen over. One enormous sheet of ice covered it.

King Nep stepped out on the ice. Knarf and Hanid watched him as he walked rapidly until he reached the exact centre of the pond. Then he stopped. They saw him stamp his foot three times on the ice. Then he cried out loudly:

"You who swim and you who swim, come to me! I have food for you!"

Great King Nep remembered! King Nep emptied the bag into the hole. Knarf and Hanid couldn't tell what kind of food King Nep was throwing down the hole in the ice to the hungry fish. But they must have liked it, for in an instant a swirl of water came up and King Nep saw that the fish were eating his food.

White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

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UN Committee Silence

Lake Success, Mar. 15.
The United Nations
Good Offices Committee of
three, which has been
trying to negotiate with
the Chinese Communist
Government on Korea,
met today.
Officials declined to dis-
cuss whether any new
contacts had been made
with Peking or to com-
ment on the progress of
their negotiations.—Reuter.

Atlantic Crossed By Jeep!

Casablanca, Mar. 15.
An Australian engineer,
Ben Carlin, and his wife,
after crossing the Atlantic
Ocean in their amphibious
jeep, said here today that
they would continue their
round-the-world adventure.

The strange "vessel" caused
a sensation when it waded
ashore here yesterday and drove
through the crowded streets.
Carlin told Reuter that the
crossing has taken nine months,
including three months in the
Azores. The non-stop voyage,
from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to
the Azores, took 31 days, and
they had little petrol and no
drinking water when they
arrived.
Leaving the Azores for Ma-
deira at the end of November,
they ran into a severe storm.
"We had monstrous waves
breaking on board," Carlin
said. "The jeep was tossed
about in all directions like a
toy. I thought our last hour
had come. The only way out
was an opening in the pic-
nic glass roof. We had had to
close it to avoid being flooded."
He said it was their third
attempt at an Atlantic crossing.
Last time they were picked up
adrift with a broken propeller
by a tanker. They failed to
return to the United States by
way of London, the Middle
East and the Pacific.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Mission

Washington, Mar. 15.
General Dwight Eisenhower,
often mentioned as a presiden-
tial possibility in 1952, has in-
formed Congress he is willing to
"devote the rest" of his life to
making the Atlantic defence pact
work.
He made the statement before
a closed session of the Joint
Foreign Relations and Armed
Services Committees. An edited
version of his testimony pub-
lished today disclosed that he
said: "I have confidence we
will achieve unity in the
free world that will make us
secure if we will all work
I have this much confidence that
I am willing to devote the rest
of my life to try to make it (the
Atlantic Pact) work."—United
Press.

Britain Considering Vigorous Action Over Oil Nationalisation

London, Mar. 15.

Britain will take vigorous measures to protect her oil
interests in Persia following the Persian Majlis' (Parliament)
decision today to confirm the nationalisation recommendation
made by its Oil Committee, according to diplomatic quarters
here.

The present concession of the Anglo-Iranian
Oil Company—regarded here as remaining
entirely valid in law—runs until 1993.

Britain's intention to stand by the Anglo-
Iranian Oil Company, in which the British
Government has a substantial interest, is under-
stood to have been conveyed to the Persian
authorities in a note delivered yesterday by the
British Ambassador in Teheran, Sir Francis Shep-
herd.

A Foreign Office spokesman,
questioned about the Majlis' de-
cision, said that he could only re-
peat yesterday's statement by
the Minister of State, Mr.
Kenneth Younger, that the terms
of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Com-
pany's concession made clear
that no Persian Government
could "unilaterally abrogate the
text" until it ran out in 1993.

Observers here believed that
the next move by the Persian
Government, if it sticks to the
plan outlined by the Majlis, will
be to table a law nationalising
the oil company.

This would get passed when
the Oil Committee has reported
with a detailed nationalisation
scheme in about three months' time.

British officials here believed
that the Majlis' decision was
in order from the purely consti-
tutional standpoint, though it
was taken before the new
Government of the Prime Minis-
ter, Hussain Ala, had taken
office.

But they considered it a
breach of binding undertakings
to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Com-
pany.

Anglo-Iranian shares on the
Stock Exchange here, which
have fallen by a total of £22
million—about £1 a share—in
the last eight days were only
slightly affected by today's news
from Teheran.

At the opening of the market
they were called slightly lower.
After some uncertainty they
settled down at 105 shillings—
about the same level they
reached after the assassination
of the Persian Prime Minister
last week.

The British Government ap-
points two of the 13 Directors
but does not interfere with the
normal commercial manage-
ment.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, the
Minister of State, disclosed in
the House of Commons last
night that the company was
willing to discuss an agree-
ment on the basis of equal
sharing of profits in Persia and
had so informed the Persian
Government before the recent
decision.

This would resemble the ar-
rangement which the American
oil concessionaries in Arabia,
the Arabian-American Oil

Company, recently made with
the Government of Saudi
Arabia.

Similar equal sharing be-
tween the Government and the
oil companies prevails in Ven-
ezuela.—Reuter.

MAJLIS VOTE

Teheran, Mar. 15.
The Persian Majlis (Parlia-
ment) today unanimously con-
firmed the decision of the Special
Oil Committee to nationalise the
country's oil industry.

Most of Persia's oil resources
are operated by the Anglo-
Iranian Oil Company.

The Oil Committee took its
decision on the nationalisation
last Thursday—two days after the
announcement of the Special
Oil Committee to nationalise the
country's oil industry.

The company's present agree-
ment with the Persian Govern-
ment is until 1993. The Oil Com-
mittee, which was due to finish
its business on March 11, asked
the Majlis last week to extend
its life for two more months to
work out a detailed nationalisa-
tion plan.

The British Ambassador in
Teheran, Sir Francis Shepherd,
last night presented the new
Prime Minister, Hussain Ala,
with the Government's note on
British oil interests in Persia
mentioned in both Houses of
Parliament in London yesterday.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Com-
pany and the Persian Govern-
ment signed a supplementary
oil agreement in 1949 increasing
Persia's royalties on each
metric ton, giving her a
guaranteed minimum annual
payment of £4,000,000 in
respect of her share dividends
and reserves.—Reuter.

NO VETO POWER
London, Mar. 15.

Iranian Embassy sources said
today that the oil nationalisation
proposal would also have to be
approved by the Senate but even
if the Senate rejected the bill
it would become law if the
Majlis approved it again.

After final Parliamentary
action, the London sources said,
the bill would go to the Shah
for routine Royal assent. The
Shah, it was said, had no veto
powers as such. In the oil case

his only recourse, if he opposed
nationalisation enough to go
against the Majlis, would be to
dissolve the present Parliament
before final action on the bill.
Reports received in London
said the Shah had expressed
the hope that Iran would get
greater royalties from the
Anglo-Iranian Oil Company but
had not expressed himself on
the nationalisation issue.—
United Press.

Hongkong Black Carbon Hold-Up

Manila, Mar. 16.
The Philippine Government
has turned down a request to
use Manila as port for trans-
shipment of 325 cases of Hong-
kong-bound black carbon from
Japan. The request was made by
a local shipping company
following unloading of a 35,000-
pound shipment at Yokohama,
Japan, from a ship which had
come from the United States.

Rejecting the request, the
government stated it did not
wish to make Manila a "spring-
board for trans-shipment of re-
stricted materials to Far East
danger areas."

Black carbon is understood
to contain an important in-
gredient for the manufacture of
gunpowder and the government
decision was believed to have
been made in an effort to pre-
vent the shipment from falling
into Chinese Communist hands.
—United Press.

War Of Manoeuvre Must Continue, Says Gen. MacArthur

New York, March 15.

General Douglas MacArthur said today that
United Nations troops must continue their war of
manoeuvre in Korea because there are no natural
defences near the 38th Parallel to hold against the
Chinese Communists.

The number of United Nations troops it
would take to hold the Parallel would be sufficient
to drive the Chinese Communists back across the
Yalu river boundary with Manchuria and to hold
the line there.

The Supreme Commander
said this in response to a single
question asked him by cable:
"How many troops would be
required to hold the 38th
Parallel inviolate?"

General MacArthur replied:
"As I have on several occasions
pointed out, the conditions
under which we are conducting
military operations in Korea do
not favour engaging in positional
warfare on any line across the
peninsula."

"Specifically with reference to
the 38th Parallel, there are no
natural defence features any-
where near its immediate
proximity. The terrain is such
that if we had it, and could lo-
gistically maintain it, we would
be able to drive the Chinese
Communists back across the
Yalu, hold that river as our
future main line of defence, and
proceed to the accomplishment
of our mission in the unification
of Korea."

BEST SERVED
"Under the realities existing,
however, we can and will,
(unless the situation is radically
altered, continue our campaign
of manoeuvre as the best means
to neutralise the military
disadvantage under which we
fight, and keep the enemy
engaged where it best serves our
own military purposes."

"Such point of engagement
will of necessity be a fluctuating
variable, dependent upon the
shifting relative strengths of the
forces committed, and will
occasionally move up or down."
"The best served, therefore, re-
quires much more fundamental
decisions than are within my
authority or responsibility to
make as military commander—
decisions which must not ignore
the heavy costs in Allied blood
which a protracted and in-
decisive campaign would entail."
—United Press.

ISSUE TO ARISE
The 38th Parallel question is
certain to come up tomorrow
when the assistant Secretary of
State, Mr. Dean Rusk, has his
weekly meeting with senior of-
ficials of the United Nations
countries that have forces in Korea.

Final decisions will have to be
made, it was said, on the
question of whether the United
States would accept a
prolonged and indecisive
campaign.

Anglo-Italian Identity Of Views TRIESTE ISSUE

London, Mar. 15.
Britain reaffirmed today,
at the close of the Anglo-
Italian talks here, that she
still favoured the return of
Trieste to Italy.

An official communique on
the two-day talks here with
the Italian Prime Minister,
Signor Alcide De Gasperi, and
the Foreign Minister, Count
Carlo Sforza, said the two
governments reached "complete
identity of views" on matters
of common interest.

The return of Trieste to Italy
was the only topic mentioned
specifically. The key paragraph
said: "The British Ministers
confirmed that they maintain
the tripartite declaration on
Trieste of March 2, 1948,
with a view to settlement by
conciliation and the Italian
Ministers declared it was their
desire to reach a friendly
agreement with the Yugoslav
Government on this question."

Other points made by Signor
De Gasperi and Count Sforza at
a press conference included:

1. Special attention was given
to the progress of the "Big
Four" deputies' conference.
2. Italy's complaint that she
had not been admitted to the
United Nations.
3. Italy would be "happy" to
discuss Trieste with Yugoslavia
but no plans have been made
for such talks.
4. The precarious situation in
Iran is a danger to the Mediter-
ranean and therefore to Italy.—
United Press.

New RAF Base In Cyrenaica

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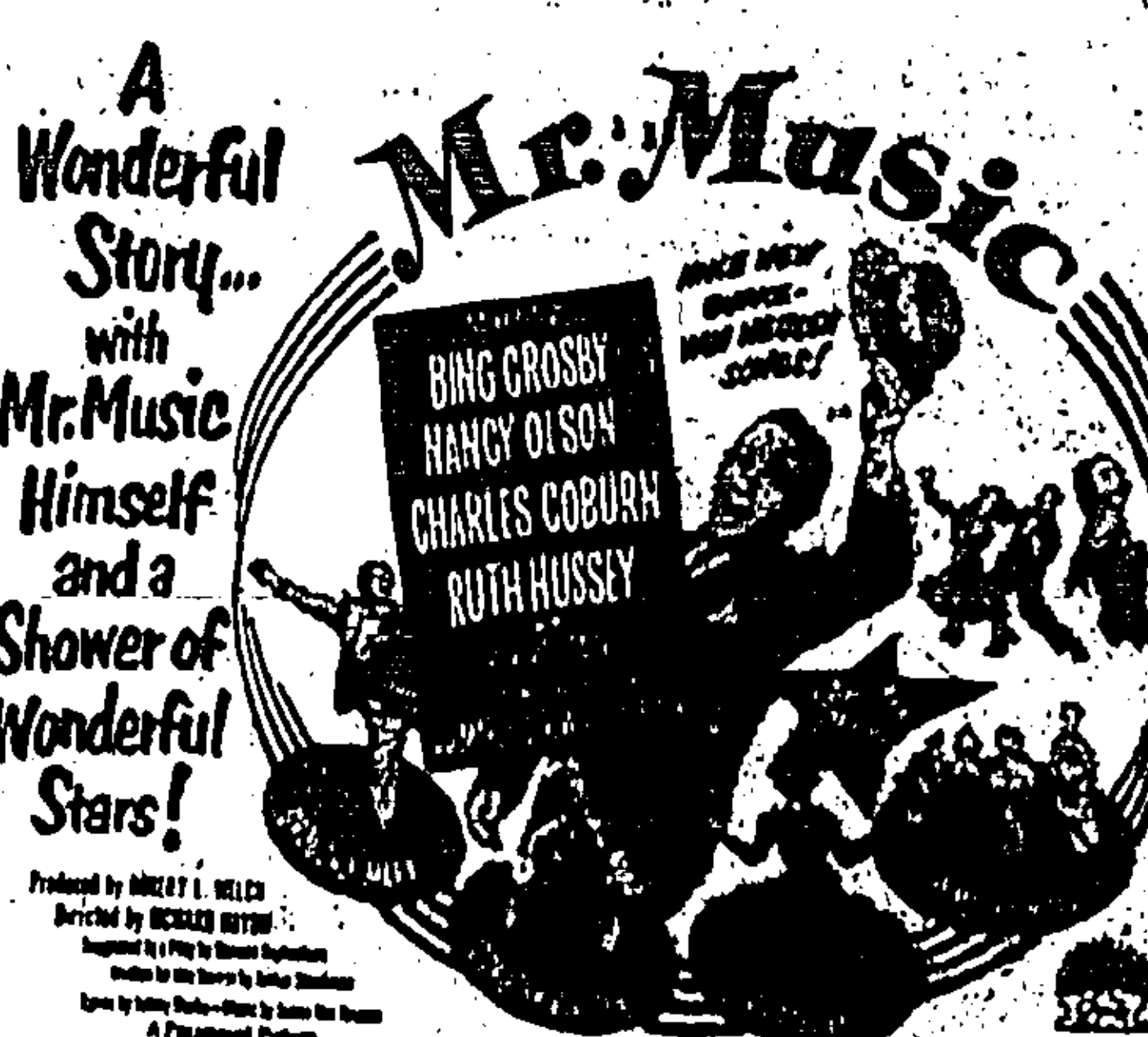
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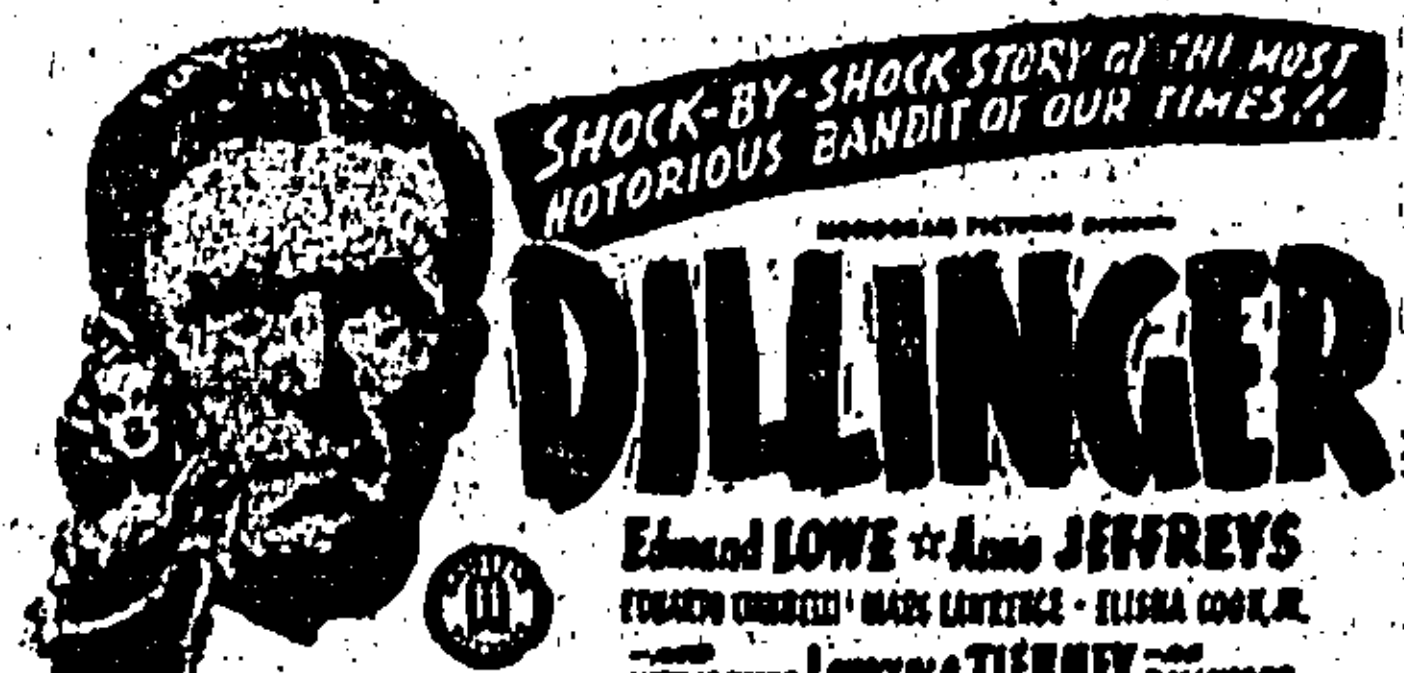
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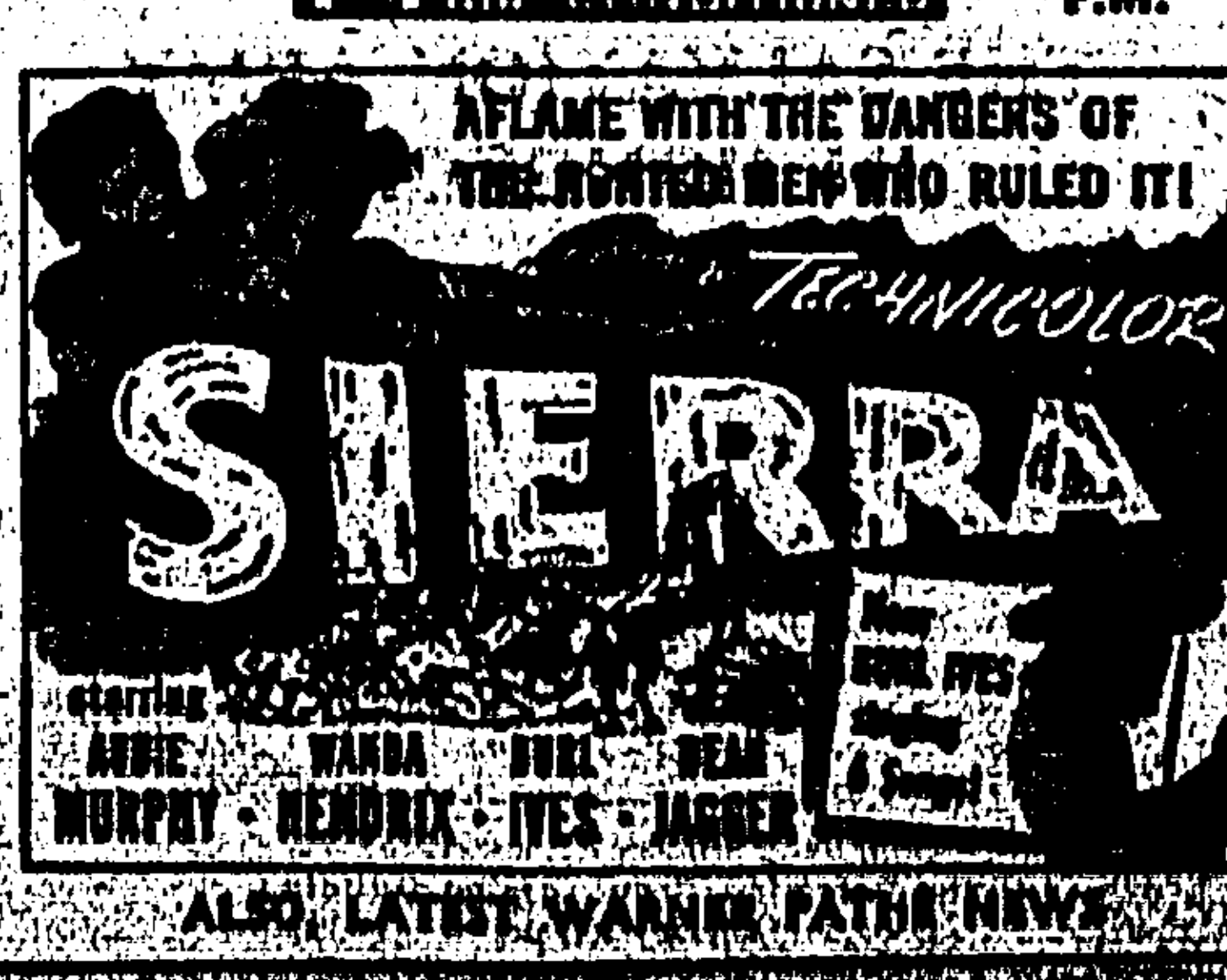


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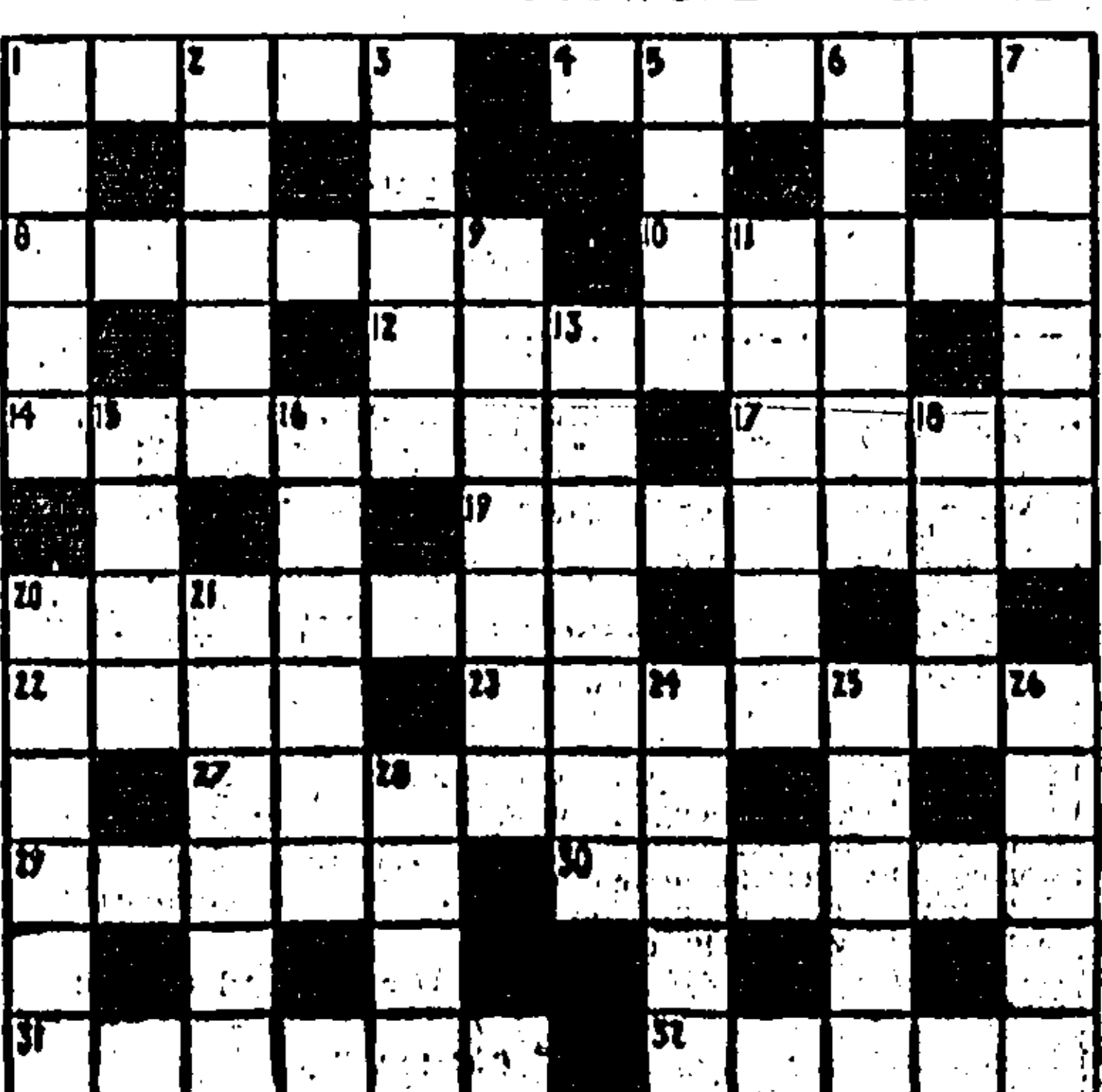
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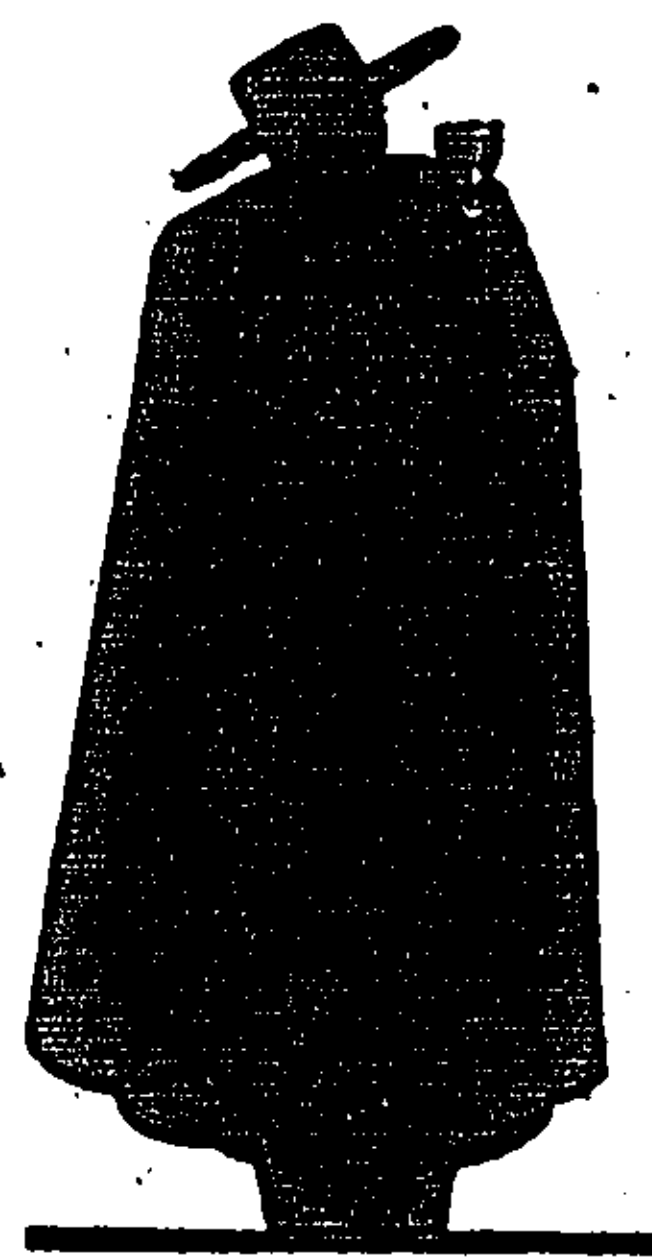


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- DOWN
- Fundamental.
 - Form.
 - Form.
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 - Real.
 - Run at full speed.
 - Relating to the healing art.
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 - Monist.
 - Beverage.
 - Culmination.
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 - Not so difficult.
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—(London Express Service)

ARE WE DUCKING A PERIL-SPOT?

On the Soviet-Persian
border SEFTON DELMER
finds a situation 'more
alarming than anything
I've seen since China'



TEHERAN.
WHEN Dr Mohamed
Mosaddegh went to
his study window
and gazed out on the street
beneath, his shrewd old
eyes focused on a sight
which filled him both with
pleasure and misgiving.
Scrawled on the wall op-
posite was the one word
"Nationalisation."

He could see in the in-
scription an ego-trilling
tribute to his effectiveness
as a demagogue. For it
was he who, as leader of
the National Front Party,
had launched the universally
popular campaign demand-
ing that Persia should de-
clare the concession of the
British-owned Anglo-Iranian
Oil Company null and void,
and transfer its installa-
tions to the Persian State
as a nationalised enterprise.

Persian high-ups—they
will, as likely as not, start
by pooh-poohing the Tudeh
and their affiliated Azerbail-
jan "Democrat" separatists.
They dismiss their follow-
ing as confined to teenage
students and a few dis-
gruntled tribesmen.

Afraid...

HOWEVER, the real truth is
that the Persians are
afraid of provoking their great
Soviet neighbour. I know—for
a fact that the Tudeh police
have discovered that the
Tudeh's clandestine news sheet,
Mardum, is printed in the
vast extra-territorial com-
pounds of the Soviet Embassy.

The Persian police cleverly
managed to follow a motor-
car which left the Soviet
Embassy one night not so long
ago. Without being noticed
themselves, they followed it
to a point where the driver dump-
ed a valise and drove off.

The police waited until a
man picked up the valise. They
arrested him and opened the
bag. It was packed tight with
the latest issue of Mardum.

But they did nothing about
it, and Mardum is still appear-
ing regularly once a week with
violent attacks on the Govern-
ment and the Shah plus the
usual abuse of the British
and Americans and UNO.

I even found copies of Mar-
dum being circulated in tiny
North Persian towns. They
had been sent out through the
ordinary post in envelopes ad-
dressed by hand and giving
as senders the names of Teheran
police officials. It must be
good fun being a Tudeh
agent.

Hiding-spots

THE Soviet Hospital, the Soviet
Institute of Culture, and
satellite missions are all re-
fuges where the Tudeh can
hold meetings in safety and
hide from the police if they
are being hunted.

The Soviet-Iranian transport
services, which cover the
whole of North Persia from
Teheran, form a sacrosanct
courier service. If a man
wants to get out of the country
there is the Soviet-Iranian
Electric and their fleet of
Soviet steamers, all immune
from interference by the frigh-
tened Persian authorities.

The fear that the Soviet may
be the rulers of tomorrow is
making individual Persian
officials turn a blind eye to
Communist activities.

This now penetrates the
whole of the Persian economic
and administrative machine.
It even extends to Persian
employees of the Anglo-Iranian
Oil Company and the guards
supposed to protect the refinery
and wells from sabotage.

High and low, the Persians
are taking care of the Soviet
to prevent them from scrying

the Communist peace pro-
paganda.

But the greatest tactical asset
in Persia for both the
Soviet and their Tudeh servants
is the anti-British nationalisa-
tion movement started by the
venerable, well-meaning, but
muddle-minded little Dr
Mosaddegh.

The doctor is preparing for
the Soviet a priceless op-
portunity of exerting political,
military, and diplomatic pres-
sure on the Persian Govern-
ment and the Persian people.

That is why Tudeh painting
squads are going around at
night daubing "Nationalisa-
tion" slogans, not only on the
doctor's wall, but on walls
everywhere; why the Tudeh
are sending trained crowd
operators to National Front
meetings to work on the mobs
and see that the maximum
amount of anti-Western venom
is pumped into them.

The Communists hope the
whipped-up emotions of the
populace and the lunacies
of the elections will force
through that Nationalisation
Bill.

More demands...

THEN, if the British refuse to
comply with the nationalisa-
tion or the Soviet will claim
that the British, by defying Per-
sian sovereignty, are guilty of
aggression against Persia.

From that they can follow
with all manner of demands
or proposals, depending on
the international situation, and
what they can get away with.

No, I don't blame the little
doctor for being worried about
that writing on the wall.

—(London Express Service)

A CHAMPAGNE SERIAL... by LEONARD MOSLEY



£800 short—and a

£30,000
show was
in danger

It was to be the biggest
revue of Cochran's
career, and the start of
a year which dogged him
with accident, illness, and
disaster.

FOLLOW THE SUN was
his name. The star was
Claire Luce, a blonde from
America, who could sing and
act with attractive power.
One of the big sensations
was the stage appearance of
a new kind of dance band—
a troupe of rumba players.

The comedian was a new-
comer called Vic Oliver.

But rehearsals had been
long, heated, and costly. On
the day of the try-out open-
ing in Manchester £25,000
had been sunk in the show
and bill collectors were at
the stage door demanding
another £800.

"If we don't get it, no dresses,"
they said, which meant that the
show couldn't go on.

Cochran phoned his backers
for the money. Not a penny
more could he get.

The showman, racked by
arthritis and in severe pain, was
in tears and in despair.

CRISIS...

But the bill was paid

WHILE his stars
and his chorus
huddled in groups
around the theatre,
wondering whether they
still had a job, he
went back to the hotel
to see if his publicity
man, Major Leadley,
could help.

Leadley had already invested
£23,416 in the show and wasn't
able to produce more. But he
had a persuasive manner and a
long list of Manchester friends.

He sat Cochran down in a
corner with a bottle of cham-
pagne, and reached for his hat.
"Wait for me there," he said.

Two hours later he came back
and handed his boss £800.
Cochran stumbled to his feet and
clapped Leadley fondly in his
arms. The dresses were paid for
and that night—the show went
on.

Everything now looked good
for the London opening. Then
came another blow.

It was January 1936. Bookings
for "Follow the Sun" at the
Adelphi were going well. And
then King George V. died. Can-
cellations rolled in. Theatres
closed. Shows were cancelled.

"Follow the Sun" did well,
but not well enough. Cochran
took a full-page advertisement
in the Daily Express and "with-
in 24 hours took enough to
cover the cost and £2000 in
bookings besides."

By mid-April he had turned
it into London's first twice-
nightly revue.

The death of a king was
followed by the crowning of a
king and to celebrate it Cochran

Huge models were made and
collected, and eventually the
clumsy great lout was dis-
persed with altogether. A
characteristically Cochran
gesture.

CRISIS

It nearly broke his heart

BERGNER was a
worried about her
film career, and there
were rumours that
she was departing for
Hollywood. Instead, she
went into hospital for
an operation. The
production had to be
postponed; more money was
lost.

When "The Boy David" at
last came on all Cochran's
hopes were destroyed. His
failure nearly broke Cochran's
heart. It severely hit his bank
balance, too.

He was old. His arthritis
was painful. There were new
conditions in the theatre, and
mounting costs, too. But a
showman is a showman—and a
showman must go on.

As the rich har-
vest years of the
Nineteen Thirties
rolled on into the
black winter of
War Cochran could
look at the cast
lists of any play in
London or New
York and see in
lights the names
of stars he had
created.

Even Berlin had
a Cochran star—
lovely dancer La
Jana, who
triumphed in one
of his shows and
then became a
favourite of the
Nazis and friend of
Hitler.

But after the
war the theatrical
world wondered:
Can he make a
comeback?

Cochran tried.
He put on **BIG
BEN** by A. V.
Herbert and Vivian
Ellis, and, by the
same team, **BLESS
THE BRIDE**.

"Big Ben" was
a world-shaker,
but they are still
singing the Bride's
haunting song,
"This is My Love-
ly Day!"

"Bless the Bride"
was a smash hit,
a great Cochran
show, but it had its typical
ironical twist to it.

After two and half years of
playing to packed houses
Cochran decided to take it off
when it still looked like a
record-runner.

AND LASTLY

The stars remember

BUT Cochran
thought he had
something better. It
was **TOUGH AT
THE TOP**, a show
which ended as a
comparative failure
after five months.

That is where this
Cochran story goes
on. Go to Paris and you will
see the name of Sacha Guitry,
one of his stars in New York,
creations of his, like Florence
Desmond, Beatrice Lillie,
Guétary, and Gertrude
Lawrence still shine.

In London, Anna Neagle, Pat
Kirkwood, Bergner, Vic Oliver,
Blissie Hale, Hermione Badde-
ley, Cicely Courtneidge, and
scores of others still remember
the inspiration of this man,
who might have died a
millionaire—if he had thought
more of money than he did of
his stars.
(World copyright.—London Express
Service)



READ IT

**What is a Homonym? ... A new
dictionary says first things first...
by EVE PERRICK**

I SPENT one afternoon
accepting a challenge. It was
issued on the jacket of a dic-
tionary, just reached here from
America, which claims to be
about the biggest event in lexico-
graphy since old Noah Webster
died.

The American habit of adding
new words to the language has
obviously made Mr Webster's
mammoth work out of date.

So here comes the new word-
wonder—a brightly packaged job
in the American manner, with a
shiny red-and-yellow dust jacket
and a photograph of the editor,
Mr Clarence L. Barnhart, com-
plete with pipe, rimless specs,
and a booky background on the
flap.

He challenges—"Read this
sample entry and compare it with
the definition of the same word
in your old dictionary, or in any
other dictionary."

I entered the lists with the
Oxford "Oxford Dictionary of
Current English in modest say-
ing, this leather cloth.

Sample entry was the word
"accredit." Main definition in the
American was "give (a person)
credit (for something)."

The Oxford offered: "Gain
belief or influence for (advise
advice)."

A clear win, I think, for U.S.A.

Example 2.—Consider the word
"honey-moon."

Both give the common usage
meaning of honeymoon—"a
holiday spent together by newly
married couple." But the first
listed definition found in the
parent Oxford Dictionary is
"the first month after marriage."

And there you have the whole
theory of this new approach to
dictionary-making by most peo-
ple—a "honeymoon" means a
holiday—not the "first month
etc." The new dictionary
puts first meanings first.

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lievably presented. We could do
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THREE SETS VICTORY FOR IP KOON-HUNG AND GORDON LUM

By "ARGONAUT"

After an impressive start, in which they led by four games to one in the first set, Edwin Tsai and John Spence, the Colony Hard-court Doubles Champions, succumbed to their own errors and the more accurate play of their opponents, Ip Koon-hung and Gordon Lum, in the first semi-final of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship at the Cricket Club yesterday.

Spence and Tsai went down in three straight sets, 4-6, 3-6 and 2-6 in 50 minutes of slip-slap tennis which, though disappointing in its one-sidedness, was pleasingly bright and sparkling.

The greater steadiness and experience of the Ip-Lum combination held them in good stead against two opponents who tried to force the pace throughout the game, but who found their inaccurate strokes either going astray or coming back like boomerangs.



From the left—John Spence, Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai and Gordon Lum.—China Mail Photo.

New Racing Departure —'Chasing In May

By JAMES PARK

High-class 'chasing in May is a new racing departure. Last autumn Major J. C. Bulleel experimented with a 'chase in a flat-race programme at Hurst Park. It was such a success that he has decided he might try another experiment a la Auteuil.

In France the horses race throughout the winter months over hurdles and fences. The really big events are saved for the summer. It is during what is known as the big fortnight in June that the Grand Steeplechase de Paris and the Grande Hurdle Race are run.

I hope we shall be challenging for those races this year. The Queen Elizabeth 'Chase, at Hurst Park on Whit Monday, could well act as a preliminary for the Grand Steeplechase.

Every effort is being made to increase the prize money in the big French races. Major Bulleel has the same idea. He knows that with less money available it is the star events that will attract the multitude.

Lavish expenditure is an essential and with £5,000 added,

the Queen Elizabeth 'Chase should prove a magnet for all the best three-mile 'chasers in the country.

It may be a bold experiment on the part of Major Bulleel, but I am sure it will be a great success. Entries have to be made by March 20, and when they are published there will be ample justification for the enterprise.

While the race has been designed in celebration of the Festival of Britain, I am prepared to find it a regular feature in the future. Mixed programmes appeal to the public, particularly when of high class.

I believe Major Bulleel had to employ considerable persuasion before he was granted permission to incorporate a steeplechase in the flat-race programme last October. I have been wondering whether he played any part in the new NH rule.

12 ST. LIMIT

It comes into force on March 20 and the Queen Elizabeth 'Chase will be the first race in which the top-weight has been limited to 12st. In a three-mile handicap 'chase.

Previously, the handicapper had to start at 12st. 7lb. In the Hurst Park race no penalty will bring a horse's weight to more than 12st.

This is a new departure in 'chasing and is a point on which there have been many discussions in the past. While I take the view that a top-class 'chase should be able to carry 12st. 7lb. over three miles at Hurst Park—Coloured School Boy did so twice this season—the smaller range of weights must be in favour of the good-class horses.

It should be noted that the new rule only applies to handicap 'chases of four miles and upwards and in races to which not less than £2000 is guaranteed by the race fund.

The handicapper still has the option of going above the 12st. mark, except when the conditions specifically state that 12st. is the maximum as at Hurst Park.

Messrs Topham will have to think the matter over before deciding on the conditions for next year's Grand National. They still have this year's race as a guide.

If Freebooter should set 12st. 7lb. at deadweight there would be no point in reducing the top weight to 12st. So far only four horses have won the 'National' with 12st. 7lb. and I have known a number of good horses who failed simply because they had more than 12st.

Steele's always maintained that Silver would have won a 'National' if there had been a 12st. maximum. Easter Hero was another who might have done. It will be time enough to think about the Grand National after this year's race has been run.

(London Express Service)

Sheet-anchor of the winning combination was the Colony Singles champion, Ip Koon-hung, who once again dispelled the belief held by local fans that he is essentially a Singles player.

His intercepting volleys and smashes and powerful drives along the middle line and again wrought havoc with his opponents.

Edwin Tsai, though on the losing end, claimed the honour of being the best player on view when it came to frontal volleys at the net. A slight weakness in ground strokes and half-volleys, however, caused him to be caught on a number of occasions in the mid-court.

Veteran Davis Cupper Gordon Lum, though made the object of the whirlwind attack of his opponents every time he came up to the net, held more than his own, cleverly countering with some good lob-volleys.

Accurate and well-placed services and drives by him from the backcourt paved the way to Ip's devastating intercepting volleys and smashes.

Spence started brilliantly, making four grand winning strokes on Ip's opening service in the first set, and just when it looked as if the spectators were going to see him at his best, he waded further and further into a sea of errors. His overhead smashes, however, were the best on view.

AN ANALYSIS

An analysis of the errors and point scoring strokes made by each of the four players tells its own tale and shows in the first set, Spence making 10 errors to 8 good strokes, Tsai 5 and 8, Ip 4 and 5, and Lum 5 and 4. In the second set the figures were Spence 8 and 2, Tsai 6 and 9, Ip 5 and 6, Lum 2 and 2. In the third set they were Spence 11 and 3, Tsai 7 and 6, Ip 8 and 4, and Lum 3 and 1.

The Tsai and Spence combination, taking the offensive, jumped into a lead of 4-1 in the first set, when Spence lost his service on the sixth game.

From there on, Ip and Lum gradually assumed the ascendancy and took the remaining five games with the loss of just six points.

The second and third sets saw Tsai and Spence, particularly the latter, making far too many errors to be any serious threat to the winners, who romped comfortably home by 6-3 and 6-2.

TODAY'S SEMI-FINAL

At 4.15 p.m. HKCC

Men's Doubles:—K.C. Dao & Dr. George Choa v Tsui Wei-pui & Tsui Yun-pui.

LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING:

Major K.H.S. Wilson (Army)	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
E. L. Gosano (Recreo)	16	2	557	84	39.76
Sq/Ldr. R. S. Kingsford (RAF)	14	3	428	71*	38.90
Capt. M. Campbell (Army)	12	1	404	71	36.72
N. E. Arthy (Optimists)	11	2	302	56*	33.55
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	12	4	244	92*	30.50
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	15	1	421	68	30.07
P. N. Gosano (Recreo)	15	3	358	61*	29.93
F. V. Dodge (KCC)	15	2	353	112	29.40
G. Williams (Army)	12	2	410	105	29.25
Capt. Robertson (McLeod)	13	4	258	50	26.60
G. A. Souza (Craigflower)	17	1	436	95*	27.25
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	17	2	373	71	24.86
K. M. Rijnsh (IRC)	10	3	321	97*	24.69
A. M. Preta (Recreo)	15	2	321	84*	24.69
J. Lerlou (KCC)	15	5	213	51*	21.30
Capt. Haycraft (Army)	18	2	239	59	21.18
W. Davidson (KCC)	13	2	226	40	20.72
G. H. P. Pritchard (Optimists)	12	2	201	60*	20.10

*Not out. Qualification: 200 runs for an average over 20.00.

BOWLING:

F. Howarth (Scorpions)	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
L. Kilbee (Optimists)	56.1	15	188	29	6.49
L. Kilbee (Army)	40.0	10	108	21	5.14
G. N. Gosano (Recreo)	140.4	40	304	37	8.22
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	116.4	28	325	33	9.84
Cpl. Musgrave (Army)	46.2	3	203	20	10.15
Capt. Harding (Army)	86.2	21	257	25	10.28
A. P. Pereira (Recreo)	117	34	268	25	10.72
Capt. Cuthbert (Army)	141.4	34	405	37	10.94
L. G. Gosano (Recreo)	89	17	298	30	11.40
F. A. Waller (Scorpions)	150.5	32	432	37	11.67
E. R. Madger (RAF)	170.5	27	552	47	11.74
T. Crabtree (Craigflower)	102	10	278	23	12.09
Sgt. Jordan (Royal Navy)	81	11	370	30	12.33
A. R. Mian (IRC)	110.1	50	507	44	13.34
A. T. Lee (KCC)	80.3	14	285	21	13.57
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	187.3	27	429	31	13.83
P. E. Lee (KCC)	134.1	25	410	30	13.67
F. V. Dodge (KCC)	72	7	279	20	13.95
K. C. A. Ball (RAF)	124.2	20	451	31	14.54
L. White (Optimists)	144.5	27	483	30	16.10

Qualification: 20 wickets for an average of 20.00.

CHARLTON vs BURNLEY



Morris, of Burnley, up against Charlton's Sam Bartram during the match at the Valley. The result was a goalless draw.—Central Press Photo.

18 Men In Two Boats Will Attract Over 250,000 Spectators

By PETER DITTON

A sporting event which can probably claim to be the best supported in the world will shortly take place in London. Eighteen young men will race through the heart of the capital to the accompaniment of cheers from over 250,000 spectators. Traffic jams? No need to worry about anything like that. The event takes place on the river Thames and the crowds are stretched along the four and a half miles of bank from Putney to Mortlake.

Yes, you are right. It is the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. When the two crews meet on March 24 it will be the 97th encounter between the rival varsities. Cambridge, winners last year, have been successful on 52 occasions and Oxford on 43, with one dead heat.

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"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Apr.

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S. "AGAFENOR"	5th Feb.	18th Mar.
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G. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	3rd Apr.
"AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	10th Apr.
"MYRMIDON"	7th Mar.	12th Apr.
"PROMETHEUS"	Sailed	18th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	18th Mar.	18th Apr.
S. "BELLEPHON"	21st Mar.	25th Apr.
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"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	14th May
"BENMACDUBH"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	20th May
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JOHNNY HAZARD

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Death Of Art Patron

Santa Barbara, Mar. 15.
Samuel A. Lewinsohn, 60-year old art patron and internationally known copper magnate, died last night of a heart attack while recuperating here from a previous heart seizure.

Seek New Deal

Manila, Mar. 15.
The Filipino Shipowners' Association today asked the Finance Secretary, Pio Fontana, to terminate the charter of United States "Maritime Commission" for operating in inter-island trade.

Cocoon Estimate

Manila, Mar. 15.
The Agricultural and Forestry Ministry today estimated cocoon crops for the current year at 84,000,000 kilograms or a 12.1 per cent increase over last year.

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 creased steadily since last
 June in 31 of 36 countries
 studied.

The sharpest rise — 28 percent
 — was reported in Finland.

The U.N. warned against coun-
 try by country comparisons
 since methods of computation
 vary in different lands.

However, the survey showed
 that Britain apparently has been
 hit harder by inflation than the
 U.S. The index was up 17 per-
 cent in Britain and 15 percent
 in America.

Prices in Britain were 23 per-
 cent higher than a year ago, but
 U.S. prices have gone up only
 15 percent during the year. All
 the American increase came
 after the start of the Korean
 war.

Other increases included:
 Japan and Spain, 23 percent;
 France, 16; India, 14;
 Thailand, eight; India, five; New
 Zealand, two percent.—Associated
 Press.

Slump In Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 15.

Grain prices slumped in a
 market apparently suffering
 from "peace jitters".

There was some support on
 announcement of Marshall Plan
 grants to foreign countries to
 buy American wheat. How-
 ever, this was not sufficient to
 halt the decline caused by
 liquidation stemming from be-
 lief that some sort of stalemate
 might result in Korea.

Wheat closed 2 1/2 to four cents
 lower.
 March \$2.38
 May \$2.42 - \$2.41 1/2
 July \$2.37 - \$2.36 1/2

Corn was 3/4-2 1/4 lower.
 Oats were 3/4-1 1/2 lower.
 Rye was 3/4 lower to 1/4
 higher.

Soybeans were unchanged to
 three cents lower.—Associated
 Press.

Oil Company Shares Slump In London

London, Mar. 15.

Shares of Anglo-Iranian Oil
 and a new seller's wave to-
 day when the Persian Parlia-
 ment voted unanimously to na-
 tionalise all oil projects in that
 country.

At the finish Anglo-Iranian
 were down slightly more than
 five shillings to £5 15/8 per share.
 The British Government owns
 211,250,000 worth of the com-
 pany—the controlling interest.

Elsewhere the market was
 active and irregular, with Brit-
 ish Government bonds and in-
 dustrial issues slightly off. Cop-
 per and gold shares were firm.

Financial Times' Index: 119.9.
 —Associated Press.

Steadiness In Textiles

New York, Mar. 15.

The cotton textile market
 was steady today, with print
 cloths, sheetings and broad-
 cloths selling in moderate
 volume for second and third
 quarters delivery. Reports
 were that the Government will
 probably require 75 to 80 per-
 cent of the industry's duck pro-
 duction to be set aside for rated
 orders.

The wool goods market was
 quiet, with merchants awaiting
 action by Washington pricing
 officials on ceilings.

The rayon goods market was
 dull. Prices continued easy.
 —Associated Press.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Mar. 15.

The Bank of England state-
 ment for the week ending
 Mar. 14 reads as follows:

Notes in circulation £1,500,000,000
 Public deposits £2,222,000,000
 Private deposits £1,500,000,000
 Other securities £1,500,000,000
 Receipts £1,500,000,000
 Bank ratio 100 per cent.

New York Bank Quotations

New York, Mar. 15.

Closing bank quotations for
 Bank of America, 100 bid, 99 1/2
 ask; Chase National, 100 bid, 99 1/2
 ask; National City, 100 bid, 99 1/2
 ask.

Proposed American Loan To Iran May Be Delayed

Washington, Mar. 15.

The move by Iran to nationalise foreign oil
 concessions prompted the disclosure today that the
 United States some time ago suggested that British
 oil concerns split profits 50-50 with Iran.

Official sources said the British offered instead
 to double royalties on oil production.

Britain has been paying
 royalties on each barrel of oil
 produced in Iran.

The 50-50 split formula sug-
 gested to British officials was
 said to be patterned on agree-
 ments which United States oil
 concerns have with Saudi
 Arabia and the Latin American
 oil-producing countries.

The American suggestion, as pre-
 sented to the British, was said
 to have been that the profit
 formula would help present re-
 perussions that might curb oil
 supplies going to the Western
 countries.

The State Department de-
 clined to comment on the
 Iranian action. No American
 oil companies have concessions
 in Iran. The Standard Oil
 companies of New York and
 New Jersey, however, have
 been planning to build a pipe-
 line from Iran to the Mediter-
 ranean.

Authorities said meanwhile
 that the proposed United States
 loan to Iran may be delayed
 indefinitely because Iran is not
 willing to accept "foreign"
 money.

The United States Export-
 Import Bank agreed on Oct. 10
 to lend \$25,000,000 to Iran to
 develop its agriculture, high-
 ways and electric power facili-
 ties. Iranian and American ex-
 perts had even agreed on be-
 lieved to have secured the
 agreement and nobody can say
 when, if ever, Iran might act.

Iranian nationalists were be-
 lieved to have secured the
 Iranian Government away from
 accepting the United States loan.
 U.S. officials feel many legisla-
 tors who honestly favour credit
 do not dare champion such a
 "gift" to a foreign power at this
 time. Iran is, however, ac-
 cepting U.S. aid that does not
 have to be repaid under the
 Point Four programme for Iran.

American technicians using
 Point Four money are working
 in three communities trying to
 turn them into model villages.
 Iran is also accepting free
 arms from the United States.

A shipment of U.S. tanks re-
 cently arrived in Iran and offi-
 cials here say Iran is asking for
 more weapons.—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed
 here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, March 213-214
 April 210-211
 May 208-209
 Number 2 rubber, March 204-205
 April 201-202
 May 199-200
 Number 3 rubber, March 195-196
 April 192-193
 May 190-191
 Spot rubber, unbleached 217-218
 No. 1 pale crepe 220-221
 No. 2 pale crepe 218-219
 —United Press.

Prices of rubber futures closed
 here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in cents
 per lb. 64 1/2-65 1/2
 April 63 1/2-64 1/2
 May 62 1/2-63 1/2
 July/September 61 1/2-62 1/2
 October/December 60 1/2-61 1/2
 —United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET
 New York, Mar. 15.
 Prices of rubber futures closed
 here today as follows:

Spot, 61.00 cents.—United
 Press.

Peking Trade Planning

San Francisco, Mar. 15.

Peking Radio claimed tonight
 that as the result of a nation-
 wide plan for the handling of
 local products the home market
 for this type of goods would be
 greatly expanded this year and
 consequently the income of mil-
 lions of peasants would be great-
 ly increased.

The broadcast said that jute
 and tobacco, important raw
 materials for industries would
 be bought throughout China by
 all State companies for local
 products while bean cake and
 other goods would be supplied
 by them.

Already, 54 barter contracts
 had been signed between the
 State and various areas, the
 broadcast said.—Reuter.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Mar. 15.

Domestic sugar futures No. 11
 closed four to five lower.

March 12 1/2-12 3/4
 April 12 1/4-12 1/2
 May 12 1/4-12 1/2
 June 12 1/4-12 1/2
 July 12 1/4-12 1/2
 August 12 1/4-12 1/2
 September 12 1/4-12 1/2
 October 12 1/4-12 1/2
 November 12 1/4-12 1/2
 December 12 1/4-12 1/2
 —Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$115,218.75. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
 BANK
 HK Bank 1200 1240 10 @ 1220
 10 @ 1310

Bank Asia 103
 INSURANCES
 Canton 225
 United 100 @ 14
 Underwriters 320
 DOCKS, ETC.
 K. Wharf 34
 Star Dock 34
 1000 @ 2.55
 1000 @ 2.55

Wheelock 20 1/2
 LAND, ETC.
 HK Hotel 20 1/2
 HK Land 37 3/4
 100 @ 37 1/2
 100 @ 37 1/2

Utilities
 Tram 11 1/2
 Star Ferry 11 1/2
 100 @ 11 1/2
 100 @ 11 1/2

C. Light (O) 3.70
 C. Light (N) 3.70
 C. Light (B) 3.70
 500 @ 5 1/4
 500 @ 5 1/4
 500 @ 5 1/4

Electric 22 1/2
 23 1100 @ 22 1/2
 200 @ 22 1/2

Telephone 10.20
 INDUSTRIALS
 Cement 10 1/2
 SPOOLS, ETC.
 Dairy 12 1/2
 Dairy (N) 100 @ 11 1/4
 Watson 1000 @ 23
 Cottons
 Ewo 2.05

Report On Australian Wool Sales

Sydney, Mar. 15.

The price of wool in Australia
 again hit a new record high in
 February auctions, the National
 Council of Wool Selling Brokers
 reported. In February 368,024
 bales, each weighing about 300
 pounds, sold for a total of
 £87,047,258 (Australian), about
 twice Australia's normal in-
 come from wool in a whole
 year before World War II.

Australia's wool cheque this
 year is likely to be around
 £100,000,000. To the end of
 February wool sold brought
 £438,000,000, which is more
 than the total income in any
 other season.

The average price for greasy
 wool in February, 195.03 pence
 per pound, was the highest ever
 for any month. It compares
 with 179.02 in January, 175.20 in
 February, 1950 and 103.99 in
 February 1950.—Associated
 Press.

Tentative Agreement Halts Strike

Boston, Mar. 15.

Management and Union
 reached a tentative agreement
 today averting a 10,000 cotton-
 rayon workers in the Fall
 River-New Bedford area at mid-
 night.

A spokesman said the agree-
 ment generally includes a 7 1/2
 per cent wage increase which
 management offered yesterday.
 The Union had asked for 12
 per cent.

A cost of living allowance
 escalator clause which will be
 reviewed every three months
 and severance pay but no pen-
 sion is included in the agree-
 ment, the spokesman said.

The agreement calls for a
 two-year contract with a wage
 reopening at the end of a year.
 A strike would have affected
 200,000 workers in the East.
 —Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local
 unofficial exchange market this
 morning at the following rates:
 Sterling (per £) 10.65
 U.S. dollars (per \$) 6.025
 Indonesian guilders (per 100
 盾) 27.20
 Singapore (Straits) 1.77
 P.T.C. piastres (per 100) 16.00

Exchanges In NY

New York, Mar. 15.
 Closing foreign exchange:
 Belgium 1.36 1/2
 Holland 2.17
 Switzerland 2.17
 Others unchanged.—Associated
 Press.

A Day Of Rumours On Wall St.

New York, Mar. 15.

Brisk buying boosted the
 stock market today for wide-
 spread gains.

The demand was concentra-
 ted in the final half hour of
 trading after the market most
 of the day swung back and
 forth like a weather vane.

Transfers were 2,200,000. The
 radio television group led the
 advance and the biggest gains
 were made there.

There was plenty of conflict-
 ing rumour all day long—
 rumours of peace and denials of
 rumours of peace in the Korean
 situation.

Curiously, although prices
 were up on average, there were
 44 declines and only 397
 advances.

Among gainers were Zenith
 Radio, Baltimore and Ohio,
 Chicago, Milwaukee and St.
 Paul.

Dow Jones Averages:
 Stocks 90.79
 20 Industrials 244.85
 15 Rails 91.17
 10 Utilities 42.49
 —Associated Press.

JUMP IN MALAYAN TIN PRICE

Singapore, Mar. 15.

The price of Malayan tin
 jumped \$12 today to Straits \$579
 per picul of 133 1/4 pounds.

Brokers reported increasingly
 heavy demand for tin from all
 parts of the world although the
 U.S. is out of the market as a
 buyer until prices drop to what
 the Americans consider a rea-
 sonable level.

Tin producers continued to
 charge the U.S. with price-
 depressing actions.

Rubber prices rose with what
 was described as heavy buying
 on Russian account via London.
 Opening sales brought Straits
 \$2.12 per pound compared with
 Wednesday's Straits \$2.08.—As-
 sociated Press.

COTTON MARKET

London, Mar. 15.

The tin market turned very
 bullish this morning. Turnover
 was 75 tons, including 5 tons for
 cash.

Prices closed today at the
 end of the official morning ses-
 sion as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 1,420
 Spot tin, sellers 1,440
 Business done at 1,420
 Three-months tin, buyers 1,160
 Three-months tin, sellers 1,180
 Business done at 1,180
 Settlement 1,420
 —United Press.

Mr. Perry Moore, President
 of the New York Exchange, said
 no decision had been reached
 by the Exchange on disposition
 of nearby March future con-
 tracts if they are not com-
 pletely liquidated within the
 time limit currently set by the
 Exchange.

Prices closed today as
 follows:

Spot 42.00
 July 42.15
 December 42.17
 March (1952) 42.17
 May 42.17
 July 42.17
 —United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Mar. 15.

Cotton futures closed un-
 changed to 2 1/8 a bale higher.

March 42.20 bid
 May 42.20
 July 42.20
 October 42.20
 December 42.20
 Spot cotton closed unchanged.
 Middling 42.00
 —Associated Press.

Bond Market

New York, Mar. 15.

Foreign "bills" bonds were
 mixed, with changes mainly
 fractional.

Yokohama 5 1/2s lost three
 points and Copenhagen 4 1/2s
 declined 1 1/4.—Associated Press.

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